

MR. INGALLS' IRIDESCENCE.

Crete's Chautauqua Illuminated by the Glimmer of a Polished Mind.

TREASURES FROM HIS EXPERIENCE.

Gems of Thought in Corollary of Eloquence.—'Problems of the Century' in the Light of the Past.

Crete, Neb., July 4.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The foot gaiters of Independence morning gave notice of showers as mayhap rain at the Chautauqua, and the speakers were shaken by the dwellers within the wicket and tented walls of this summer city.

By two o'clock the vast auditorium was crowded with the yeomanry of Nebraska multiplied by men and women from the South, Dakota, the magnet attracting this great gathering being the late president of the senate, John James Ingalls, ex-senator from Kansas.

A short musical service preceded the lecture, Miss Rosenblatt of New York, rendering a soprano solo by Bakoven, "A Winter Lullaby," and it was at 2:30 was sending down his strongest rays. Upon the conclusion of the musical part of the program, Dr. Willard Scott, president of the Crete Chautauqua introduced the speaker of the day.

Introducing the Orator. "It has been one of the principles of this Chautauqua to present upon each Independence day some notable figure to speak upon the problems of the day, and so in casting out for a man to present to you today, the committee agreed upon two names as being the best able to tell to the people of this Chautauqua the story of the past and one of these two figures is here with you today."

"Many of us have come from the east in time to see the sunset of this western half of the country, and while we look back to our lives upon the Atlantic coast we still feel as if we were looking at a sunset. This new empire, and so today we are to listen to a man, who while he came from the east originally, is part of this great western world, and who has seen the sunset of the senate of the United States, now a farmer, Hon. John James Ingalls will talk to you on 'Some Problems of the Second Century.'"

A symphony in gray was the ex-senator as he stepped to the front of the broad stage, and in a few moments he had gathered to listen to his utterances. He wore a gray Prince Albert suit of recent purchase. The speaker, in a simple, leather and gray over gaiters gave a natty appearance to the slim, attenuated figure of the orator of the day. There was a slyly playful expression in his eyes, and a mustache have, as every one knows, been gray for many years.

As he approached the platform a storm of applause greeted Mr. Ingalls, lasting for upwards of two minutes, a compliment which he recognized by a jerky little bow.

Retrospective Remarks. "This is an interesting and imposing spectacle," began the man from Kansas. "It seems almost incredible that a generation ago this place was within the confines of the great American West. I left Chicago my memory could not help but go back to the time when I left the east, thirty years ago. Then St. Louis was the farthest outpost of civilization and Jefferson City a stopping point along the line. Since that time the west has advanced steadily into the union where once stood the wigwam of the Indian and the tent of the savage. Already by the readjustment of the population of the west, the census the seat of government has been transferred to this western empire, far from the salt-washed shores of the Atlantic, where the empire holds the sword and the purse of this country, and we shall use them both for justice. Yesterday we may have had democratic republicans and all that, but today we are American citizens, recognizing no north, no south, no east, no west, but a common country, one and inseparable."

Dwelling for a few moments on the progress of the Anglo-Saxon race Senator Ingalls rapidly reviewed the history of the present time, and after stating that without such inventions as the steam railroad, the telegraph, and the development of labor-saving machinery, it would be impossible to have held this country a consolidated republic, he spoke of the unequal distribution of wealth as one of the greatest evils to be considered at the threshold of another hundred years. From 1860 to 1880, despite the most destructive war that ever occurred upon this planet, and the emancipation of 4,000,000 worth of slaves, this country had grown richer at the rate of \$250,000 for every day and night of the year. In 1880, there had accumulated during this time, \$1,000,000,000, enough to give every man, woman and child beneath the flag a comfortable home; to educate and keep the wolf from the door of every household, and to guard against every misfortune, calamity and calamity. "And yet," he continued, "with a dramatic uplifting of his hands, 'there are 30,000,000 of people in this country who are to-day struggling to get enough to eat from one year's end to another. They talk about overproduction; as if the reason why so many people are hungry is because there are too many shoes in the world. This is not right. In our system of civilization, great as it has been, gigantic as have been its achievements, it is not right that mid-plethure there should be hungry one man who is equal to every one else before the law and who is willing to toil for his daily bread.'"

Disparity of Wealth. A strong contrast was presented of the laborer working hard only to see his earnings in his pocket, and the 31,000 people who hold more than one-half of the acquired earnings of the republic for the last 10 years. "This is not right," he exclaimed, "and as the defender of Anglo-Saxon civilization, as the upholder of its standard against all comers, I am not willing to see the most modern agitators have some foundation for their complaints against the injustice of society (applause); and that they are not without warrant in declaring that there is a cruel inequality in the distribution of the wealth, the benefits and the privileges of life."

With a scathing denunciation of the extravagance that expends \$10,000 on flowers for a wedding, and repeating that 31,000 men crowded one-half of the wealth of the country, Mr. Ingalls strode to the front of the platform and, raising his slender form to its full height, he thundered: "If 31,000 men crowded one-half of the wealth of the country, it is to prevent one man from getting control of it all!"

"The doctrine of the devil take the hindmost," continued Mr. Ingalls, and laughingly, "is a good one, but just now it seems as if there were more hindmost than foremost. If the present condition of things were to continue without being retarded, the land, instead of being the home of the free and the land of the brave, would be the home of the mob and the land of the slave. Then he referred to the familiar fact that George Wash-

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Liberty's Contribution. LIBERTY, Neb., July 4.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The farmers alliance and grange held a joint picnic at Shafter's grove today, which in point of number outside any time ever held in this part of the country. Also Root of Omaha, ex-candidate for congress on the independent ticket, was the principal orator. Short addresses were made by local speakers. The Liberty concert band furnished the music.

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Colorado People Celebrate the Nation's Birthday by Opening Their Mineral Palace—Day Observed Elsewhere.

Bloomington, Ill., July 4.—The most notable and enthusiastic celebration of Independence day in the history of Bloomington was that which occurred today. The orator of the occasion was W. S. Parkington of New Orleans, the leader of the citizens in the market of that city. Not less than 10,000 people, among whom were many who came hundreds of miles, were in the city. The city was profusely decorated. After a grand parade 12,000 people assembled at Franklin park and Mr. Parkington was introduced by Mayor Foster. Mr. Parkington was greeted with prolonged cheers.

The address which followed the address can scarcely be described. The assemblage wildly paraded around the orator, cheering for Parkington, New Orleans and the south, shaking hands with him and speaking words of congratulation, good will and esteem for the people he represents. The weather was delightful and the events of the day were unmarred by a drop of any kind.

Shooting at Waahoo. WAHOO, Neb., July 4.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The celebration at this place was a success notwithstanding the heavy rain of last night and this forenoon. The crowd during the afternoon was large and orderly. There was a liberty pole 100 feet high raised on the court house here and a flag ran up thereon.

Miss Eva McDonald Vailsh, state alliance lecturer of Minneapolis, spoke in the court house grove in the afternoon and Hon. W. A. McKeich of Lincoln, in the morning. The shooting tournament was better than yesterday. In the cartridge company shoot Lathshaw took first money; Newaway second; Knapp third and C. Newaway fourth. In contest No. 2, fifteen live birds, Newaway took first money; Chocholowski second; Fox, fourth money. In contest three, 10 blue rocks, Newaway was first money; Taylor second; McDonald third, and Dickerson fourth.

An Electric Consolidation. BEAVER CRY, Neb., July 4.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The old Beatrice electric light company and the new Beatrice gas and electric company, the latter being recently granted a twenty-year franchise by the city council, have consolidated under the name of the Beatrice electric and gas company and have incorporated as such. The new consolidation went into effect July 1 to continue for ninety-nine years. The capital stock is \$250,000, with \$100,000 paid up. The directors are J. E. Smith, the four Maxwell brothers, E. A. Watrous and William Pickens. The company is to operate electric and gas service in the city of Beatrice. The new company should not be confused with the Beatrice rapid transit and street car system, which is an entirely different concern.

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Warlike Proceedings. MADRID, Neb., July 4.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The celebration at Madrid was an unequal success. The rain of last evening effectually disposed of the dust and making today cool and pleasant. The attractions were an Indian fight and a sham battle conducted by the Grand Army of the Republic, which attracted a very large number of people. Hon. A. F. Parsons of Grant and Hon. J. M. Hutchins of Madrid made eloquent addresses to the people of this city, resulting in a score of 19 to 14 in favor of the Union. The celebration was a success here today. The speakers were Hon. Thos. Mettiss, Mr. Bigelow of Lincoln, and D. M. Johnson.

A General Holiday. KEARNEY, Neb., July 4.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The celebration at Kearney was only a legal holiday. Rain fell during the forenoon, spoiling the arrangements of several picnic parties. The Kearney & Black Hills road ran four excursion trains to Miller, Kearney, and away, where the Fourth was celebrated in a very lively manner. Several hundred people availed themselves of this opportunity for seeing the beauties of the country. The celebration was a success here today. The speakers were Hon. Thos. Mettiss, Mr. Bigelow of Lincoln, and D. M. Johnson.

A Mysterious Lake. COLUMBUS, Neb., July 4.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—An immense lake of water has been gradually formed for the last forty-eight hours about the town of Columbus. The water covers a space 600 feet wide by seven miles long. The water is clear and cold with slight mineral deposits. The land covered by the water is about 100 acres. The water is believed to be a result of a spring and vegetation and situated between two sand hills. Farmers in that vicinity are considering the possibility of using the water for irrigation, which has thus far proven impossible.

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